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SUBJECT: U.S. CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTORSHIP (D-2) OF
UNIDO'S POLICY COORDINATION DIVISION.

REF: (A) VIENNA 4764 (NOTAL), (B) STATE 059992

1. U.S. MISSION TO UNIDO HAS ADVISED THAT KHANE HAS RECOMMENDED TO UNNY THAT PEIDER KONZ BE APPOINTED TO POLICY COORDINATION DIRECTORSHIP VICE ED NAPOLIELLO.
2. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS POST IS OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE AND DESERVES THE VERY BEST U.S. TALENT AVAILABLE. WE BELIEVE THE INTRODUCTION OF TALENT CAPABLE OF GIVING PROFESSIONAL DIRECTION AT THE TOP OF UNIDO IN FIELDS OF INDUSTRIAL PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION WOULD HAVE
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A DIRECT SALUTARY INFLUENCE IN IMPROVING UNIDO ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WE ALSO BELIEVE SUCH LEADERSHIP WOULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE NUMEROUS OTHER UN AGENCIES WHOSE PROGRAMS COMPLEMENT INDUSTRIALIZATION. IN PARTICULAR, ANY ONE OF THE U.S. CANDIDATES, KATZ, CHANG, OR SEDWITZ COULD CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TOWARD FILLING A NEED LONG RECOGNIZED FOR UNIDO TO PROVIDE

CONCEPTUAL AND PLANNING ASSISTANCE TO STRENGTHEN THE UNDP PROGRAMMING PROCESS, PARTICULARLY AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL.

THE THREE U.S. CANDIDATES NOMINATED BY THE DEPT FOR POST POSSESS IN AMPLE ABUNDANCE THE REQUISITE QUALIFICATIONS AND DESERVE TO BE GIVEN VERY CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BY UN SECRETARIAT. COPIES OF THEIR APPLICATIONS ON FILE AT USUN, BUT BRIEFLY THEIR BACKGROUNDS ARE AS FOLLOWS: (NOTE - FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE PRIVACY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS, IT IMPERATIVE THAT ANY CABLES CONTAINING THEIR NAMES BE CAPTIONED QUOTE LIMDIS UNQUOTE, QUOTE IO DISTRIBUTION ONLY UNQUOTE).

A) S. STANLEY KATZ. 48. PH.D. ECONOMICS. FLUENT FRENCH. PRESENTLY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY AND RESEARCH, U.S. DEPT OF COMMERCE. AS SUCH, OVERSEES A STAFF OF 215 ECONOMISTS, ECONOMETRICIANS, LAWYERS, AND STATISTICIANS IN U.S. AND ABROAD, PRINCIPAL UNITS UNDER HIS SUPERVISION ARE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE POLICY, OFFICE OF FOREIGN INVESTMENTS IN U.S., OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCE AND INVESTMENT, AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE ANALYSIS STAFF. HAS HELD OTHER HIGH-LEVEL MANAGERIAL POSTS AT COMMERCE. FROM 1965 TO 1967 WAS ECONOMIST WITH WORLD BANK, PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF INDIA. PRIOR TO THAT, WAS EMPLOYED BY OECD AS PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATOR IN DAC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. HIS OUTSTANDING QUALIFICATIONS AND PROVEN ABILITY EQUIP HIM ADMIRABLY FOR UNIDO POST.

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B) JERRY C.L. CHANG. 50. PH.D. IN STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING AND MASTERS IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS WITH CONCENTRATION ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. PRESENTLY VICE PRESIDENT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND CORPORATE OFFICER AT EAST WEST CENTER. AS SUCH, PARTICIPATES IN ALL POLICY AND ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION MAKING OF CENTER; RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CENTER AND COOPERATING AGENCIES IN ASIA, PACIFIC AND U.S., WORKING WITH 50 COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES. DUTIES ALSO INCLUDE WORK IN PROJECT MANAGEMENT, CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGIES, ETC. PRIOR THIS ASSIGNMENT, FROM 1968 TO 1974 WAS VICE PRESIDENT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND ACADEMIC DEAN AT ASIAN INSTITUTE FOR TECHNOLOGY IN THAILAND, DIRECTING STAFF OF 25 PROFESSIONALS. FROM 1967 TO 1968, ENGAGED IN DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR UNIV. OF PITTSBURGH AND FROM 1963-1968 SERVED IN ECUADOR. ADDITIONAL DETAILS CONTAINED IN HIS APPLICATION. HAS SOUND UNDERSTANDING OF PROBLEMS AND NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT WOULD MAKE HIM GOOD SELECTION FOR UNIDO POST.

C) WALTERJ. SEDWITZ. 52. PH.D. ECONOMICS. FLUENT FRENCH,

SPANISH. PRESENTLY COORDINATOR OF AN INTERNATIONAL GROUP WITHIN INTERAMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK CONCERNED WITH PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION AND ALSO VISITING PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS, BOSTON UNIVERSITY, WHERE TEACHES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PROJECT EVALUATION AND PREPARATION. FROM 1964 TO 1975 WAS ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS AT OAS, CONCERNED WITH DEVELOPMENT PLANNING, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, ETC. IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SPHERES. HIS PRESENT AND PREVIOUS HIGH-LEVEL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION EXPERIENCE EQUIP HIM ADMIRABLY FOR UNIDO POST.

3. DEPT CONCURS FULLY WITH VIEWS EXPRESSED BY U.S. MISSION TO UNIDO IN REFTEL A WHICH ARE AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE
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FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS, U.S. DEL TO IDB AND PERMANENT COMMITTEE SESSIONS HAS HAMMERED AWAY AT NEED FOR UNIDO TO RECRUIT PROFESSIONAL STAFF FOR DIVISION OF POLICY COORDINATION WITH PROPER MIX OF SUBSTANTIVE/ANALYTICAL QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMING IF UNIDO WAS TO MAKE AN EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNDP CENTRAL PROGRAMMING PROCESS AND ASSURE THAT LIMITED RESOURCES WERE FOCUSED ON BASIC DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS OF RECIPIENT COUNTRIES. FURTHERMORE, DESIRABILITY OF HAVING POST OF DIRECTOR OF POLICY COORDINATION FILLED BY AN AMERICAN NATIONAL AS AGAINST OTHER POSSIBLE SENIOR LEVEL ASSIGNMENTS IN UNIDO CLOSELY LINKED, IN OUR VIEW, TO THE POTENTIAL SUBSTANTIVE CONTRIBUTION AND DIRECTION WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL WOULD BRING TO SUCH IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THE DIVISION'S RESPONSIBILITIES AS PROGRAMMING AND EVALUATION OF UNIDO OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATIONS. UNQUOTE

4. MISSION TO UNIDO HAS EXPRESSED DOUBTS THAT APPOINTMENT RECOMMENDED BY KHANE MEETS CRITERIA OUTLINED PARA 3. DEPT'S OWN BELIEF IS THAT THE OTHER U.S. CANDIDATES POSSESS SUPERIOR TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR POST. THIS IS NOT ATTEMPT TO DENIGRATE KONZ, WHOM WE HOLD IN HIGH ESTEEM, AS OUTLINED IN REFTEL B, BUT RATHER BASED ON OBJECTIVE SUBSTANTIVE EVALUATION OF HIS QUALIFICATIONS VIS-A-VIS THEIRS.

5. USUN REQUESTED TAKE THIS MATTER UP WITH SECRETARIAT, PREFERABLY USG DAVIDSON, AND EXPRESS OUR FEELINGS AS OUTLINED ABOVE. SPECIFICALLY: (1) JOB IS AN IMPORTANT

ONE AND DESERVES BEST TALENT AVAILABLE; (2) WE BELIEVE
THREE CANDIDATES NOMINATED HAVE SUPERIOR QUALIFICATIONS

FOR POST AND DESERVE TO BE GIVEN VERY CAREFUL CONSIDER-
ATION; (3) WE HOPE ONE OF THESE WILL BE SELECTED;
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(4) WE SHARE HIGH OPINION OF KONZ, BUT FEEL HIS BACK-
GROUND DOES NOT EQUIP HIM AS WELL AS THE OTHERS FOR THIS
KEY POST.

6) PLEASE ADVISE OF SECRETARIAT REACTION. VANCE

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